THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The funds are not allocated to the State Governments but directly to the following institutions namely to the Central Universities through the University Grants Commission (UGC), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management (IIITM), Gwalior, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Allahabad, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Jabalpur, National Institutes of Technology (NITs), National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai, National Institute of Foundry & Forge Technology (NIFFT), Ranchi, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTRs), School of Planning & Architecture (SPA), New Delhi, Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad, Community Polytechnics, Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Technology (SLIET), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. This allocation is intended for benefiting students belonging to the two categories enrolled in these institutions. Ordinarily, the annual provision in the budget is utilized by these institutions.

Regulation of self financing educational institutions

4152. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any legislations to regulate the self financing educational institutions mushrooming in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would bring out any regulatory mechanism at least for higher education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In terms of Article 15(5) of the Constitution, both State Legislature as well as Parliament are competent to make laws in so far as advancement of weaker sections in matters of admissions is concerned, and, therefore, Self-financing institutions declared by the Central Government as Deemed to be Universities under Section (3) of the UGC Act, can also be regulated for:

(i) implementing the policy of reservations in admissions,

(ii) ensuring fair & transparent admission procedures,

(iii) ensuring the reasonability of admission and other fees.

Pending applications for recognition by UGC

4153. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of requests pending with the UGC as on 31st March, 2007 for the recognition of institutions of higher education-colleges etc., State-wise;

(b) the normal time taken by UGC for according recognitions to such institutions so as to enable them to get grants for their various projects; and

(c) the number of pending cases likely to be cleared during 2007-08, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) As per the information provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC), a total of 288 proposals/requests for inclusion in the list of colleges prepared under Section 2(f) & 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956, are either pending or under correspondence with the UGC as on 31.03.2007. A Statement showing the details, State-wise, is annexed. *(See* below).

(b) and (c) There is no time limit fixed for this purpose. However, there is a prescribed procedure for determining the eligibility of the colleges for recognition under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956, which requires submission of proper documents. Therefore, the clearance of a proposal depends on the submission of proper documents by the applicant college even though the UGC takes action to clear the proposals early.